Functioning of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology

2849. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the functioning of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the steps taken by the authorities to extend treatment to the poor patients;

(d) whether Government would give extension to the present Director; and

(e) the details regarding the expansion of facilities in this hospital?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been receiving representations regarding administrative issues/service matters of employees, like grievances and cost of patient services etc. from time to time. SCTIMST being an autonomous institution, these are forwarded to the Institute for appropriate action.

(c) According to the Hospital Charging System approved by the Governing Body of the Institute, twenty percent of economically weaker sections of patients are being given totally free treatment and another 20% is subsidised to the extent of 50% of the charges and the rest 60% of the patient's treatment are also partially subsidised.

(d) The Government has not taken any decision so far.

(e) The facilities introduced during the last three years and available in the hospital are as follows:—

1. A new CT Scan set up.
2. A new Imaging Complex set up.
3. A centre for Comprehensive Epilepsy Care (only one of its kind in India).
4. Comprehensive Care of patients with Movement Disorders (a new set up, the first one of its kind in India)
5. Three-fold expansion of Interventional Radiology procedures.
6. Operation for epilepsy, more than 200 patients successfully operated in the last 3 years.
7. Stereotactic surgery for Parkinson's Disease.

Pending Applications for Sanction of Medical Colleges

2850. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending with Government for sanction of medical colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council has conducted any study regarding the number of medical colleges required in the country;

(c) if not, whether Government would consider asking the IMC to conduct such study before sanction of new colleges; and

(d) what are the requirements to be fulfilled to start a medical college?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) State-wise number of applications pending with Central Govt./M.C.I. is given in the Statement I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) As per MCI no such study has been conducted. However, the State Govt. have been advised that while issuing Essentiality and feasibility certificate for new medical colleges they should determine the doctor-population ratio it wisher to-achieve and as to now